

# IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 8th March 2015

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## Nominations for IRTS Awards

The IRTS Awards Committee is seeking nominations for “Awards for Services to the Society or to Amateur Radio” and “Awards to IRTS members for Other Achievements”. Details of these Awards are available at [www.irts.ie](http://www.irts.ie) under the Awards section. Nominations should reach the Awards Manager (Jim Holohan EI4HH; e-mail holohaj2 /at/ hotmail.com)

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## 83rd IRTS AGM Dinner and Rally – 25th/26th April-

Kilkenny 2015

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group hosts this year’s event.

Tickets for the IRTS AGM dinner are now available from John Ronan EI7IG via email on irtsagm/at/searg/dot/com. You may also obtain dinner tickets from Ger EI4GXB at the Limerick Radio Rally on 29th March.

The rally will be on Sunday 26th with doors opening at 11am and admission is €5. The Trade Show is geared towards a Radio, Electronics, Hobbies and Crafts Show, so there should be something for everyone.

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## 2m Nets

South Eastern Amateur Radio Club will continue their 2m net on Tuesday nights after the IRTS weekly news. This is to promote the use of the 2m band that has seen a decline in use. The intended frequency is 145.400MHz. To date there have many call-ins and everyone is welcome to join in.

Fingal Radio Club EI2FRC and Dermot EI2HD will continue their 2m call-in on Wednesday and every Wednesday at 7p.m. Please try and give your support by getting on the air to keep 2metres alive. The frequency is 145.7625MHz, CTCSS 88.5KHz on the Dublin repeater.

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## EI DXCC List

We see that John EI7BA has now reached the top of the "Honor Roll" of ARRL's DXCC List. John tells us that Navassa Island - which had not been activated in over 20 years - was the final entity he needed to have all 340 current DXCC entities confirmed. The recent K1N DXpedition to Navassa Island was just what he was waiting for!

The only other EI with a 'full house' of current DXCC entities confirmed is Declan EI6FR. See [www.irts.ie/dxcc](http://www.irts.ie/dxcc) for an up-to-date listing of the EI call signs participating in the DXCC awards programme.

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## **DX News**

Nick ZL1IU will be on a holiday visit to the South Cook Islands from 9th to 21st March. He will use the callsign E51IOU and be QRV on HF from Rarotonga Island. The IOTA reference is OC-013 and QSLs go via the home call.

An experienced multi-national team lead by Zorro JH1AJT should be active in Eritrea by the time you hear this. The callsign was to have been announced when the team arrived in E3. There has not been much activity in recent years from Eritrea so now is the chance to get a few E3 calls into your logbook. The expedition is expected to last until 17th March. The QSL manager is M0URX.

An International Conference on Amateur Radio Communications (Hamtech 2015) is being held in Port Blair, capital of the Andaman Islands, from 6th to 18th March. The callsign VU4I will be used by Indian amateurs and the callsign VU4A will be used by foreign amateurs who attend the conference. QSLs go via DL4KQ.

A team of mainly Italian amateurs will be QRV from the Democratic Republic of the Congo from 10th to 25th March. The callsign will be 9Q0HQ and the QSL manager is I2YSB.

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The 2015 AGM of SEARG took place on Monday 23rd February. Club Chairman Dennis EI2HSB thanked all present for attending and gave a report on a very successful 2014. Club Secretary David EI6GVB and Club Treasurer Mark EI7IS gave their respective reports. Dennis thanked the outgoing committee for their hard work throughout 2014 and the following committee was elected for 2015. Chairperson; Dennis EI2HSB, Vice Chairperson; John EI3HQB, Secretary; David EI6GVB, Treasurer; Mark EI7IS, Public Relations Officer; Sean EI2HZB, Club Office 1; John EI7IG, Club Officer 2; Raymond SWL, Club Officer 3; Eoghan EI5HBB.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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